Aemocratic Watchman.

P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings

rn backward, O Time in thy Give us the Centennial again, just for one

The part that we want most, then made men

The ground soaking, splattering, down-pour-

-BRYAN's speech at Indianapolis was probably the greatest vote maker that will be developed during this campaign.

-One swallow doesn't make a summer. but a few swallows of soda water or ice cream often wins out a summer girl.

-It takes more than the sun has been able to do around here for the past two weeks to wilt the starch in some people.

-Monday's papers announced that the allied forces were within sight of Pekin. As they haven't seen it yet they evidently figured that it cost too much to go in.

-Mr. HANNA has announced his campaign advisory committee, but a microscopic examination of the list has failed to

-England's declaring the war over in usual figure. South Africa down't make it so when the Boers are all there yet and have nearly all able Republican State, none but a political of their big guns and millions of stands of idiot would think of denying. Whether

reported that there are thirty thousand or twenty, or forty thousand should have lepers in the Philippines Think of it, no influence upon the voters of other they cost us \$60,000. Isn't it about time States. to take another fall out of Spain and get our money back.

-Statistics are being used to show that the value of hogs has advanced \$3 per head within the past six months. If this is true HANNA might turn his increased valuation of \$3 over to the McKINLEY campaign

-Even after the allied forces get up to the great wall that surrounds the Chinese capitol they will have some tall work cut out for them. It is fifty feet high and broad enough on top for two coaches to drive abreast. It will take very heavy artillery to make a hole in such a wall, even large enough to peek into Pekin.

-When HENRY LABOUCHERE'S London Truth can say "nor would we be surprised of Maine Republicanism. if, in view of their continued prosperity, our American cousins were to act as our bankers in the future, in a good many instances," is it not time for us to let our English cousins understand that it is not for them to dictate the kind of money we will do the banking with.

the United States, four years ago, we were less influence on the general public than at peace with the world. We had a full that of any other. Her connections by kin, people. Since that time we have licked intercourse are more closely allied to the are licking at the Chinese and if McKINLEY is re-elected we'll be licking war revenue population were taught their political faith stamps for full four years more.

-After the rescue of the Americans in China and the settlement of the indemnity American troops should be withdrawn as speedily as they were sent there. We want no part in the embroglio that is certain to follow the present troubles. We have enough on our hands in Hawaiia. Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, with out buying or snatching more trouble in the Flowery Kingdom.

-Collis P. Huntingdon, the railroad magnate who died on Tuesday night at a summer camp in the Adirondacks was worth one hundred million or more. He ran away from school when he was only fourteen years old and began by peddling tinware and razor straps. He was considered a dull boy, but the contact with the bright tinware and the sharpening straps must have had its effect on him, as his pile of pelf testifies.

-Prof. HARPER, of Chicago University, can go on expounding on the possibility of living on 15 cents a day until he grows tired and the world will turn an attentive ear to him all the while. Because he is Prof. HARPER, of Chicago University. Let him resign his position on the faculty of that institution, take up an eighty-five cents a day job and go to live in the slums on fifteen of it and see how much attention would be paid to his economical discus-

-The Baltimore American thinks that, if for nothing else, President McKINLEY deserves to live in history as one of the nation's greatest Executives, because of the number of truly great men he has discovered and brought to the front." Yes, let us see, he did discover ALGER, EAGAN, NEELY, RATHBONE and a lot of others, didn't he, but if our memory serves us right public indignation marched them to the rear again about as soon as the President had ushered them out front.

-The movement that has been instituted by the Grand Army of the Republic to change Memorial day from May 30th to the last Sunday in May was probably inaugurated because of the growing tendency to make it a gala day for sportsmen, rather than a period of mourning and eulogium for those who have laid their lives on their country's altar. The great athletic events of May 30th have come to overshadow in the attention of the thoughtless the thin and straggling ranks of the veterthe graves of their fallen comrades. This should not be. Nor is it because of disrespect. It is merely thoughtlessness, but when people become thoughtless of the all distractions impossible.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

BELLEFONTE, PA., AUG. 17, 1900. VOL. 45 Working for a Bell Wether.

Republican managers evidently believe

the people vote, as sheep run in flocks, after a "bell wether." And this may be so, even if it is not complimentary to the general intelligence and independence of the average American citizen.

If it is not the belief of those who control the management of the Kepublican campaign, if there is not some basis for presuming that there is a good deal in having a "bell wether" to induce the balance of the flock to follow, why the extraordinary efforts now being put forth to keep discover any name that looked like QUAY. the Republican majority in Maine up to its

That Maine is a hide-bound and undisputthe majority it gives its state ticket two -The Board of Health in Manila has months before the general election be ten,

But Republican politicians think it will and are laboring to point to Maine as the weather vane of this presidential contest. With innumerable local slang-whangers, who are expected to abuse the Democracy and glorify McKINLEY at every cross roads, they have arranged for an army of outside speakers, such as has never invaded any State and carried brass and bewilderment to any people. In the eighteen days during which it has been decided to run the Maine campaign, over 700 hundred speeches are to be delivered by imported Republican speakers. And this in addition to its cross-roads and store-box gatherings and the \$500,000 of a campaign fund that is to be thrown in to waken Maine enthusiasm, and prove the stability

With such efforts and such expenditures there should be no question about the majority they may have to show.

But why should this influence intelligent people, unless the "bell wether" theory is correct?

Of all the States in the Union the action When McKINLEY became President of of Maine on political matters should have and full contentment among the by marriage, by business and by common Spaniards, tried to lick the Filipinos, British ideas than to those held by the people of the other States. Over one half of the in the provinces of Quebec or of Nova Scotia. They are anti-American at heart, by education and by absorption. In the nature of things they couldn't be anything but Repu blicans and Imperialists. A large majority of the balance of its population have never been outside of the influence that this imported balf has exercised over them and to-day they are as narrow, as bigoted and as prejudiced against the principles of free government as are the Kanuncks, from whom they inherit their polit-

ical ideas. With less to boast of of their own work: with less to point to in the way of statesmanship or political advancement; with ess to show for any industry, enterprise or intelligence on the part of its people; with more of bigotry; of crotchety-crankiness and a more general acceptance of unnatural beliefs and long-named isms, than is found in any State of the Union, that it should be selected as the "bell wether" in politics is certainly anything but complimentary to the general intelligence of the

voters of other States. As a "bell wether" Maine may do to lead Republicanism, as taught and practiced by McKINLEY. It will hardly be followed by the flock of voters who understand that the tinkle of the bell is moving towards the arid wastes of Imperialism and the scorched deserts from which trusts have absorbed all nourishment.

-Word comes from Lancaster, Ky., to the effect that a deaf mute has recovered her power of speech by the process of spanking through which her mother was putting her on Thursday. HANNA HEMP-HILL is the girl's name and she was sixteen years old when her dear old mother paddled her until she broke out bawling so loud that the whole neighborhood heard and was amazed. Maybe she hadn't been deaf at all. She might just have had falling of the larynx which would naturally be knocked back to place when her mother gave her a few good jolts on the nether

-The Republican throws out a challenge to judge LOVE, calls Sceretary JOHN HAMILTON "Oleo" and throws a "hook" into the artist who wrote the editorial leader in the State College Times last week, all in its latest issue. The Republican has made things interesting in the Republican camp and when it sings there is a conans, as they solemnly pass to do tribute at tinually growing crowd ready to bear down on the chorus.

-Former U. S. Senator JOHN J. IN-GALLS, one of the most brilliant orators sacredness of such a day it is time to make and astute Legislators of his day, died

A Few Changes that Would Make Bryan Astounding Facts About Military Ex-

Few persons who have not gone to the the support of the imperialistic idea.

the gloating triumph of the gold over the either doubting or denying them. silver issues, the victory seemed overwhelming, but in reality it was not so great. A change of forty-eight votes in the \$568,988,948. electoral college would have changed the victory to the silver side and made Mr. BRYAN the President, instead of the creature of the trusts and jobbers who has been found guilty of every crime from that of feeding putrid beef to helpless soldiers revenues. down to robbing the post offices of the poverty stricken Cubans. At that time the votes of Kentucky, Indiana, Maryland, California and North Dakota would have purposes as are incident to militarism. gone to the Democratic nominee on a turn around of 52,067, and would have given him a majority in the electoral college and made him President. Ohio, Kentucky, California and Oregon could have been turned with only 26,957 votes off McKIN-LEY and given to BRYAN and they would have elected the latter.

There are numbers of similar combinaions of States in which the gold majorities were so small that the margin by which President McKINLEY really was elected is ng to Democrats.

The money question is settled. It can not possibly be taken up for six years to come, because the political complexion of and issue in the coming campaign. The question as to Mr. BRYAN's stability, which was an important one four years ago, is settled also by his unparalleled work since that time. Where he has shown the inflavible convergence spirit of the the inflexible, courageous spirit of the great statesman the President has been wobbling, vacillating, subservient and even cringing. Time has shown, beyond a reasonable doubt, that BRYAN is the stronger man of the two. These being the The question as to whether we are to continue as a Republic or eschew republican ideas and resolve our free government into

one of empirical form. This can be the only question of the coming campaign and it needs but a look ahead to see how easily it could be settled to the honor of a free people. On the certainty that BRYAN will carry Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming he will have 174 votes to start with, without even a

contest for them.

Since the outrageous murder of Governor
GOEBEL in Kentucky even Republicans admit that there is no question about where she will place her thirteen votes. BRYAN will get them and his total will be 187.

The uniting of the warring factions of Democrats in Maryland, coupled with the stand that Senator Wellington has taken makes that State a Democratic certainty. Of course it will only be getting back where it belongs but the eight votes will run the BRYAN total up to 195.

Indiana is the next State we can look to benefally. Four years ago McKining.

Indiana is the next state we can look to hopefully. Four years ago McKINLEY carried it by a majority of only 18,181. At that time Mr. BEYAN was hissed on the streets of Indianapolis, the Gold Democrats had held their convention in that city and the bankers and money interests of every city in the State were worked to the lest resource to avergome the wreat ast resource to overcome the grea rush of the farmers to BRYAN. This year conditions are wonderfully changed. There will be no gold ticket or gold question to array the cities of Indiana against the country. BRYAN has been to Indianapolis ost enthusiastic demonstration ever given any public character. Coupled with these favorable conditions is the still more significant one that the great German dissignificant one that the great German districts of Indiana are all openly against Mc-Kinley, because of his secret alliance with Eugland and his failure to extend the hand of encouragement to the struggling Boers in South Africa. These are conditions that seem certain to make a change of 9,091 votes in that State. If they do BRYAN will have fifteen more

With the victory mark of 224 then only 14 votes distant it is not creating Utopias to say that California, with her paltry 2,797 majority that gave McKINLEY out of her nine votes; and North Dakota, with her 5.649 Republican majority and three electors, can be turned around. Delaware will be a BRYAN certainty, with three electorals. Oregon's four votes would go to BRYAN on a change of 1,169 beyond being a hopeful possibility, though it seems most likely that the first three mentioned could be made the scenes

Democratic victories.

These are possibilities, not dreams, and in the calculation we have dropped New York, Illinois and Ohio clear out of consideration. We do not relinquish claim to the former State, however, as by all precedent it will go for the Democratic candidate for President this year, but in looking over the field in a careful, unbiased manner we cannot fail to discover that a

To be told that we are now paying 571 trouble of looking over the returns of 1896 per cent. of the entire revenues of the govcarefully will realize what a slight change ernment for military purposes may not be at that time would have made Mr. BRYAN news to some, but will certainly surprise President of the United States, and proba- others. The report of the Treasury Debly saved the country the thousands of partment for the year ending July 2nd, precious lives and millions of dollars that 1900 shows this to be a fact and as the Rehave been thrown away up to this time in publicans are using the figures given in the report to magnify their charities to the In 1896, when the world resounded with old soldier they will have no excuse for

> The report shows that the total revenue receipts for the year given amounted to

> The amount paid out for pensions during that period was \$138,462,172, or 24 per cent of the amount of revenue received.

The amount expended by the War and placed in the public service men who have Navy Departments for the same time was \$190,743,980. or 331 per cent. of the total Adding these percentages together we

have 573 per cent, or over one-half the entire income of the government paid out for such And we are only starting on that road.

Militarism in this country has heretofore been an unfelt and an unfeared evil. Prior to McKINLEYism we knew nothing of it.

During a single administrative term with him at the head it has gained such a foot-hold and grown to such proportions that the cost of maintaining it already amounts to more than does that of all the other departments of the government, combined, including interest on public debts, very surprising and exceptionally encourag- public improvements and all other governmental expenditures.

Think what this means. Russia spends but 26 per cent of her total revenues for the maintenance of her the United States Senate cannot be changed army and the payment of pensions; Gerbefore that time. Therefore it is elided as many 24, and France 22, for the same purposes, and we look upon them as military governments.

What in the name of sense are we, with our boasted ideas of a Republic-a government of the people, by the people for the people-and our expenditures of 571 per

two great questions of the campaign of '96, and both settled now, it leaves nothing but doing it for?

> When we more than double Germany in the tax-burdens we load upon the citizens to maintain our army have we not reached a point that calls for a halt? We are at that point now. We exceed the

> world in military expenses and Mr. Mc-KINLEY and his policy of imperialism would make us double our efforts in the same line. Imperialism and militarism march hand-

> in-hand. They both demand increased armies, increased expenditures and increas ed taxation. These are what a continuation of Mc-

KINLEYISM promises.

Profane Loafers.

It is not to be wondered at that placards warning against loafing are becoming so numerous about the fronts of Bellefonte buildings. On Tuesday the editor of the Republican was compelled to resort to that neans of trying to rid himself and his employees of a nuisance that becomes almost inbearable.

Crowds of men and boys, idle from de sire rather than necessity, congregate on the bridges and available steps on west High street most of the day. Their conversation is anything but edifying to the unwilling ears it reaches and for the most part is accentuated by shocking profanity.

Such foul creatures as must show their puny vocabularies by continued recourse to oaths would probably not feel the disgrace of imprisonment, but if a few of them were to be fined for their offenses there would probably be an end put to the indecent language that offends modesty everywhere.

--- Mr. Attorney-General ELKINS, one the steel-clad and truth-proof ring leaders, has issued a statement to the effect that Mr. QUAY will be in the senatorial fight to the finish, and that in the political round-up of Senators and Members the ring will have 162 votes with its brand; burned in them in a way that no one will mistake as to whom they belong. This, Mr. ELKINS says, will be the result and without counting anything from districts in which fusion is resorted to or that are reliably Democratic. A sure thing in a case like this ought to be a good thing and if this estimate is correct, or is not the veriest serves. which is much below par. All the braggadocio, we fail to see the sense in risking it all by putting the boss on the stump and giving the people so much more of QUAY than they expect or care for. Too much of one thing often becomes nauseous, and i there is any one thing that has publican orator. And judging from the sickened the political stomachs of the voters of Pennsylvania it is the persistent and ever-lasting doses of QUAYism they make Mr. BRYAN the next President of have been compelled to take during the the United States.

-John L. Wheeler died near DuBoistown Wednesday, aged 70 years. Mr. Wheeler

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From the Philadelphia Record, Ind.

The great Western States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska and Kansas, with not far from a million voters of German birth, will be the battle-ground of this campaign against imperialism, as they were in the campaign of 1896 for sound money. The German element is an object of dread and repugnance to the politicians, because it cannot be counted upon in a great contest like the present by the party drill sergeants. In the new turn of the political wheel Carl Schurz finds himself once more in harmony with the great majority of his countrymen of German birth on the issue of imperialism. From the Philadelphia Record, Ind.

Dr. Swallow Prefers Bryan.

From a recent speech Dr. Swallow, candidate of the United Christain party, says: "If we must choose between the two candidates of the two old parties, I must say that I would support the man who clings to principle and ad-heres to what he believes to be right, rather than the man whom the people never knew where to find on any vital issue, who was against the liquor traffic at one time, and is now for it; who was for free silver, and is now for gold: who was for free trade with Porto Rico, and then for a Porto Rican

Situation Desperate.

Sir Claude MacDonald's Description of Affairs in lars of the Taking of Yang-tsun—Fourteenth United States Lost Heavily—Were Fired on Through Mis-take. Our Facilities for Getting News.

LONDON, August 14.—3.50 A. M.—The British consul at Canton, says the Daily Telegraph's correspondent here, has received the following dispatch, August 6, from Sir Claude MacDonald, British minister in Bakira.

Pekin:

"Our situation here is desperate. In ten days our food supply will be at an end. Unless we are relieved a general massacre is probable. The Chinese offer to escort us to Tien Tsin, but, remembering Cawnpore, we refuse the offer. There are over 200 European women and children in this legation."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, wiring yesterday, says:
"The allies at noon Saturday were with in twenty miles of Pekin."
As General Chaffee's report, which is the color authoritie news regired here report only authentic news received here regard-ing the advance, located the international forces about forty miles from Pekin on Friday, it seems probably that this Shanghai report is optimist. It is is scarcely likely that the allies could advance 20

miles in as many hours.

A Yangtsun dispatch, dated August 7, giving details regarding the capture of that place, says: "The Russians and French held the left, the British left centre, the Americans right centre, and the Japanese the extreme right. The British and Americans advanced on the village at a rapid rate for 5,000 yards, under a severe shell and rifle fire. The Russians opened and the British-American advance became a race for positions, culminating in a brilliant charge, The heaviest loss of the day was sustained by the Americans, the Fourteenth infantry having one killed, 62 wounded and several missing. The Bengal

ocers unsuccessfully attempted to cut off the Chinese retreat. Another Yang-tsun special says: sian guns shelled the Fourteenth United States infantry during the night, wound-

Commenting upon this occurrence the Standard says. "It is melancholy to learn that the losses of the Americans, who seem to have born themselves with couspic nous gallantry, were increased by a deplor able error, in consequence of which one of their regiments were pounded by Russian and British cannon- The incident emphasizes the necessity of that close co-opera-tion which is not easily obtained without a single cammander and a general staff."
Official advices from Yokohama dated yesterday say that the allies propose to advance on August 7 to Nan Tsi Tsum, between Yangtsun and Wu Sing. apanese suffered no casualties at 1 augustation the official reports say they had 300 at

The Daily Mail's St Petersburg corre spondent declares the taking of Aigun has sealed the fate of the rising in North western Manchuria. He adds: "No prisoners were taken by the Russians. Wholesale were taken by the Russians. Wholesale massacre was the order of the day, and, when the battle was over, the Cossaeks rode over the field, killing all the wounded

with the butt of their muskets."

Once more the press of England remarks upon the ability of the American governnent to secure news ahead of the rest of world. "It is to General Chaffee," says the Daily News, "that we are again indebted for news from the front. Not a single dispatch from Sir Alfred Gaselo has thus far been received by the war office."

Commenting upon the American reply to the Chinese overtures, the Datly News says: "The reply is more concilatory than that of M. Delcasse's. In some respects it is a little ambiguous. Still its substance s the same. It may be observed that the

United States government does not seem to separate itself from the allies."

All the small arms and ammunition used by the allies will be in accordance with the recommendations of the conference, being non-explosive or expanding. The drain of China and South Africa upon England' stores is so great that every private firm has been asked to help the government to supply the demands and restore the regreat ammunition firms are working night and day in their efforts to meet the gov-

-- "McKINLEY has established stable government in Porto Rico," shouts a Repolitical stench that comes up from it we must concede that he knows what he is talking about and has guessed the kind of government the Republicans have given them down there, the first pop.

Against Imperialism and McKinley. died at Latrobe Friday morning. He was a prominent Mason, a leader in medical socie-

ties, and a prominent figure in Latrobe manufacturing enterprises. Dr. Conaghy is survived by his wife and one sister. -Martin, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kirsch, living about a mile from Nicktown, Cambria county, met with a serious accident Tuesday of last week. While a

traction engine was passing the house the child jumped on an empty truck and fell off. the wheels passing over his breast. -Miss Anna Miller, of Durward, Juniata county, is likely to go blind, the result of wiping her eye with her hand, while working among parsnips. The eye became poisoned,

-The 1-year-old son of Charles Gehring, of Greensburg, was the victim of painful burns. The little tot was playing in the kitchen and while his mother was absent pulled a kettle of boiling water from the stove upon his head and shoulders. His face and shoulders were terribly scalded.

and for the past couple weeks she had been

confined to a dark room, her suffering being

Spawls from the Keyston

-Rains were general all over the central part of the State yesterday. While not near enough, the fall was sufficient for temporary

was an old riverman and was one of the men

who assisted John E. DuBois to shackle the

-Michael Kirsch Sr., who resides near

Spangler, is believed to be the oldest and pest bicycle rider for his age in Cambria

county. Mr. Kirsch is about 76 or 78 years old, but rides a bicycle equal to a youth of

-Dr. David W. Conaghy, aged 72 years,

first boom at Williamsport.

-D. C. Rannels has brought suit against the Pennsylvania railroad company to recover damages for the loss of his stock of goods in the store building which was burned early in the spring at Port Royal. He claims the fire was caused by sparks from a locomotive which had a defective spark arrester. He

claims \$2,500 damages. -Two remarkably large bass have been caught within the last week near Clearfield. According to the Rafstman's Journal one of the big bass was caught by Cyrus Wilson. It weighed nine pounds and was twenty three inches in length. Squire Moore caught a pass which was nineteen inches long and

weighed seven pounds. -The surveying party on the Hopkins reservation, Clinton county, has reached a point on the southern boundary of the Pardee lands. One day this week while the men were in their dining tent they heard a noise behind them. Looking around they saw inside the tent door a large rattle snake. The reptile was killed by Edward

-While Mrs. Jacob Thomas, of near Patton, was standing on a chair to reach the upper shelves of the kitchen cupboard a few days ago, the chair in some way tilted. throwing her to the floor. The lower part of her spinal column and also the hip bones were injured. Latest reports, however, say that Mrs. Thomas is getting along as well as could be expected, considering that she is

about 65 years of age. -While Charles E. Goldsmith and anoth er young man of McConnellsburg were drivng over the mountain to Mercersburg, last Sunday evening, at a point a short distance above the old Hollenshead distillery they noticed a large snake threshing around in the dust under the horse's feet. They got out to investigate and found that the borse had tramped squarely upon the head of a rattlesnake nearly four feet long. A singular fact was that, although the snake was one of the largest ever killed in that vicinity it had only two rattles.

-Half an hour after bidding good by to his home folk, death in a horrible form came to Brakeman William F. Edmiston, of Altoona, Saturday evening at about 6:15 o'clock. He fell underneath a draft of steel cars, at the head of the classification yards and was almost instantly killed. He gave up life a short time after being placed aboard an engine, to be taken to the Altoona hospital. The injuries inflicted to the dead man consisted of a crushed skull while many of his bones were broken, caused by being rolled.

-Hall and Kaul, the lumber operators on . Fishing creek, about ten miles from Emporum, were heavy losers by fire this week. The flames were started by a spark from a ocomotive. The bark, logs and other property destroyed will cause a loss of about \$20, 000. C. B. Howard & Co., of Emporium, lost about \$2,000 worth of logs. Frank Lockwood and other jobbers were also losers by the fire. Fires were also raging, on Wednesday, in the direction of Salt run and Cauley run, in the pine and hemlock forests operated by F. H. and C. W. Goodyear.

-Mrs. Catharine Wertz was attacked by a cow made mad by the intense heat, at her home near Madison, Westmoreland county, Thursday, and terribly injured. She entered the pasture field carrying her baby. The animal, which had been acting strangely for some time, made a rush for the woman and knocked her down. The babe was thrown from the mother's arms and was badly hurt. The crazy animal then pounced upon the woman, trampling her and plunging its horns into her. Her cries brought to the scene two neighbors, and with great difficulty the animal was driven away. The muscles of one arm were completely torn away.

-With the lower part of his left leg crushed into an unshapely mass, the result of a railway accident Sunday evening, Oscar Pratzmann, aged 15 years, of Sunbury, hopped on one foot for nearly a square to summon a hospital ambulance. The boy, with several companions, was jumping on a freight train on the Reading road. Pratzmann rode a half a square and jumped off. When he attempted to get on the second time, his foot slipped and he fell under. Failing to attract the attention of anyone by his cries, he bound his leg with his handkerchief and with the stoicism of a western Indian, traveled unassisted to a grocery store. Calling for the hospital on the telephone he told of his mishap and asked himself for the ambulance. Weak from the great loss of blood, the boy